

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 - 12 (canceled).

13 (previously presented): A ladder having a ladder top, a ladder front, a ladder back and ladder sides;

a holder for holding tools and other objects, said holder including a holder top panel positioned over and engaging the ladder top and a holder front panel attached to the holder top panel and depending downwardly therefrom to partially cover said ladder front;

at least one securement strap extending between and interconnecting said holder top panel and said ladder retaining said holder top panel in engagement with said ladder top to at least partially cover the ladder top and prevent substantial relative movement between said holder top panel and said ladder top, said holder front panel being flexible and having a free front holder panel lower distal end spaced from and disposed below said holder top panel, said holder front panel not being directly attached to said ladder whereby said holder front panel is free to shift position under the influence of gravity relative to said ladder and relative to said holder top panel upon tilting of the ladder from a vertical orientation to prevent tools or other objects held by said holder front panel from becoming disengaged from said holder front panel and falling from said holder; and

holder side panels attached to the holder top panel and depending downwardly therefrom to partially cover said ladder sides, said holder side panels being flexible and having free holder side panel lower distal ends spaced from and disposed below said holder top panel, said holder side panels not being directly attached to said ladder whereby said holder side panels are free to shift position under the influence of gravity relative to said ladder and relative to said holder top panel upon tilting of the ladder from a vertical orientation to prevent tools or other objects held by said holder side panels from becoming disengaged from said holder side panels and falling from said holder, said holder side panels having free holder side panel edges extending along said ladder sides and spaced from one another to define a void at the ladder back and below said holder top panel, said holder top panel including a flexible holder top panel portion extending downwardly from said ladder top over said void, and said ladder comprising a step ladder and said at least one securement strap extending between and securing together said flexible holder top panel portion and a step of said step ladder, and said flexible holder top panel portion including a reinforcement strip, said at least one securement strap being attached to said reinforcement strip.

14 (currently amended): In combination:

a ladder having a ladder top, a ladder front, a ladder

back and ladder sides;

a holder for holding tools and other objects, said holder including a holder top panel positioned over an engaging the ladder top and a holder front panel attached to the holder top panel and depending downwardly therefrom to partially cover said ladder front;

at least one securement strap extending between and interconnecting said holder top panel and said ladder retaining said holder top panel in engagement with said ladder top to at least partially cover the ladder top and prevent substantial relative movement between said holder top panel and said ladder top, said holder front panel being flexible and having a free front holder panel lower distal end spaced from and disposed below said holder top panel, said holder front panel not being directly attached to said ladder whereby said holder front panel is free to shift position under the influence of gravity relative to said ladder and relative to said holder top panel upon tilting of the ladder from a vertical orientation to prevent tools or other objects held by said holder front panel from becoming disengaged from said holder front panel and falling from said holder; and

holder side panels directly attached to the holder top panel and depending downwardly therefrom to partially cover said ladder sides, said holder side panels being flexible and having

free holder side panel lower distal ends spaced from and disposed below said holder top panel, said holder side panels being directly attached to said holder front panel but not being directly attached to said ladder whereby said holder side panels are free to shift position under the influence of gravity relative to said ladder and relative to said holder top panel upon tilting of the ladder from a vertical orientation to prevent tools or other objects held by said holder side panels from becoming disengaged from said holder side panels and falling from said holder.

15 (previously presented): In combination:

a ladder having a ladder top, a ladder front, a ladder back and ladder sides;

a holder for holding tools and other objects, said holder including a holder top panel positioned over and engaging the ladder top and a holder front panel attached to the holder top panel and depending downwardly therefrom to partially cover said ladder front;

at least one securement strap extending between and interconnecting said holder top panel and said ladder retaining said holder top panel in engagement with said ladder top to at least partially cover the ladder top and prevent substantial relative movement between said holder top panel and said ladder top, said holder front panel being flexible and having a free

front holder panel lower distal end spaced from and disposed below said holder top panel, said holder front panel not being directly attached to said ladder whereby said holder front panel is free to shift position under the influence of gravity relative to said ladder and relative to said holder top panel upon tilting of the ladder from a vertical orientation to prevent tools or other objects held by said holder front panel from becoming disengaged from said holder panel and falling from said holder; and

holder side panels attached to the holder top panel and depending downwardly therefrom to partially cover said ladder sides, said holder side panels being flexible and having free holder side panel lower distal ends spaced from and disposed below said holder top panel, said holder side panels not being directly attached to said ladder whereby said holder side panels are free to shift position under the influence of gravity relative to said ladder and relative to said holder top panel upon tilting of the ladder from a vertical orientation to prevent tools or other objects held by said holder side panels from becoming disengaged from said holder side panels and falling from said holder, said holder side panels having free holder side panel edges extending along said ladder sides and spaced from one another to define a void at the ladder back and below said holder top panel, said holder top panel including a flexible holder top

panel portion extending downwardly from said ladder top over said void, and said ladder including a rung, said at least one securement strap having a hook connected thereto and extending between and securing together said flexible top panel portion and said rung due to locking engagement of the hook with said rung.